

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2018-202-E ORDER NO. 2022-189

APRIL 11, 2022

IN RE: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for)	TO TERMINATE QUARTERLY
Approval of CPRE Queue Number)	UPDATE REPORTING
Proposal, Limited Waiver of Generator)	
Interconnection Procedures)	

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, (together, “Companies”) to discontinue the reporting requirement established in Commission Order No. 2018-803(A) related to their Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (“CPRE”) program. The Commission grants the request by the Companies to discontinue the requirement to file the quarterly Generator Interconnection Report required by Order No 2018-803(A)¹ as discussed herein.

¹ Paragraph number 4 of Order No. 2018-803(A) at p. 15 states:

“The Companies [Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC] shall update and file reports with the Commission and ORS similar to those reports required by the NCUC and Public Staff in the CPRE Program Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156, and the North Carolina Interconnection Procedures Docket No. E-100, Sub 101.” In their request to discontinue filing this report, the Companies refer to the report as the “Generator Interconnection Report of Dukes Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC.”

II. DISCUSSION

In Order No. 2018-803(A), the Commission directed the Companies to “update and file reports with the Commission and ORS similar to those reports required by the NCUC and Public Staff in the CPRE Program Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156, and the North Carolina Interconnection Procedures Docket No. E -100, Sub 101.”² This report details and analyzes the Companies’ processing of South Carolina Interconnection Customers under then-existing SC GIP serial interconnection study process as well as the Companies’ parallel efforts to process and study South Carolina Interconnection Customers participating in the North Carolina CPRE Program under the SC GIP waivers and grouping study process approved in the Order for CPRE Tranche 1 as well as in Order No. 2019-817 for CPRE Tranche 2.

The Companies believe that this reporting is no longer necessary due to the Companies’ recent conclusion of the queue reform transition of the SC GIP, which was approved by this Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as the Companies’ completion of the CPRE Tranche 1 and CPRE Tranche 2 grouping studies.

The Commission agrees. Given that the purpose of these quarterly reports was to monitor and ensure fairness between the pre-existing serial interconnection study process and the grouping study process used during CPRE Tranches 1 and 2 in South Carolina, the purpose for the quarterly reporting has been met.

² Id.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the information filed in this Docket, the Commission finds:

1. That the Companies have filed these reports required by Order No. 2018-803(A) since January 2019 and have filed twelve (12) quarterly reports addressing the grouping study process for CPRE Tranches 1 and 2.

2. That the purpose of these quarterly reports to monitor and ensure fairness between the pre-existing serial interconnection study process and the grouping study process used during CPRE Tranches 1 and 2 in South Carolina have been met since the Companies have completed the grouping studies for CPRE Tranche 2 and also recently transitioned to a Cluster Study interconnection queue process.

3. That it is just and reasonable to discontinue these quarterly reports at this time.

IV. CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the information filed in this Docket, the Commission concludes that:

1. On June 18, 2021, Commission Order No. 2021-439 in Docket No. 2019-326-E modified the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures to implement queue reform and to enable the Companies to transition the Companies' South Carolina generator interconnection study process to a Cluster Study process.

2. The purpose of these required quarterly reports has been fully met since the Companies have completed the grouping studies for CPRE Tranche 2 and recently transitioned to a Cluster Study interconnection queue process pursuant to Order No. 2021-439.

3. It is just and reasonable to discontinue the quarterly reports required by Order No. 2018-803(A) in the first paragraph of paragraph number 4 in Order No. 2018-803(A) at p. 15.

V. ORDERING PROVISIONS

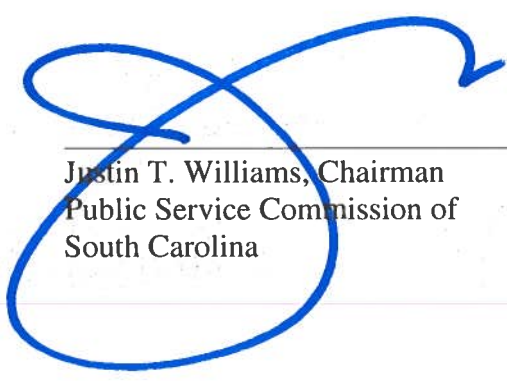
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC is approved.

2. The requirement for the Companies to file the quarterly Generator Interconnection Report pursuant to paragraph 4 on page 15 of Order No. 2018-803(A) is hereby ended.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:




Justin T. Williams, Chairman
Public Service Commission of
South Carolina